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In re Patent Application of:
Michiaki Iha et al.

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Application No.: 09/801,453

Confirmation No.: 6466

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Art Unit: 2832

For: PHOTSENSITIVE THICK FILM
COMPOSITION AND ELECTRONIC
DEVICE USING THE SAME

Examiner: T. T. Nguyen

REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated March 12, 2004.

On February 26, 2004, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement. During final review of the allowed application, Applicants note that the Information Disclosure Statement of February 26, 2004 was not acknowledged.

Applicants respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statement dated February 26, 2004 be acknowledged and considered for the above-referenced patent application, before payment of the issue fee. A copy of said Information Disclosure Statement and SB 0/8 (with stamped postcard indicating receipt by the U.S. Patent Office) is enclosed for your convenience.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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- ☒ This IDS is being filed after the issuance of the First Office Action but before the issuance of a Final Office Action².

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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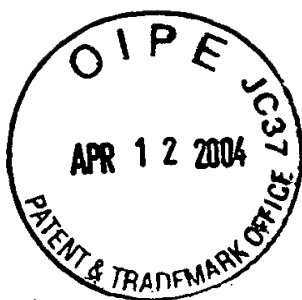
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